

"NURSING RECORD" BENEVOLENT FUND.

"BEAR YE ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS."

OBJECT.—To assist, by the united efforts of the readers of the *Nursing Record*, Trained Nurses who may be in need of temporary or permanent aid.

Proposition I.—That subscriptions shall be received to a Benevolent Fund, from which disbursements shall be made to relieve cases urgently needing temporary assistance. A statement of all such receipts and expenditure to be published in the *Record*.

II.—That for such cases of distress as need permanent assistance, the following procedure shall be adopted. Every annual subscriber to this journal shall have the right to send to the Editor the particulars of any such case, with which they may be personally acquainted, and if after full investigation it be found suitable, the name and particulars shall be entered upon a list. The *Nursing Record* will ask its readers to work unitedly for only one case at a time, and when that one, in the manner considered most suitable, is permanently provided for, the list of cases as above obtained, shall be published in the journal. Each copy of that issue shall contain a slip of paper, so that each purchaser of that number will be able to vote for one of the cases on this list by writing her name thereon, and forwarding it by post to the Editor. The following issue of the journal shall contain the number of votes polled for each case, and that one which receives the largest number of proxies, will be adopted as the next case to be relieved by the Fund; and the readers of this journal will then be advised as to the method which seems most suitable for helping that particular case, and asked to unite in securing its speedy success.

CASE I.

Mrs. Sarah Duyck, aged 47, a widow. Has broken her leg so badly, that she will probably be a cripple for the rest of her life. Dislocated one shoulder some years ago, so that she is even unable to use her crutches for long at a time.

Proposed Method of Assistance.—To obtain an annuity of £20 a year from the British Home for Incurables. To do this at least 1,000 votes must be procured from subscribers to the Institution. Lists of subscribers can be obtained by sending eight stamps to the offices, 73, Cheapside, E.C.

Will every reader of this journal do what she or he can to obtain votes for this sad case—to assist, in however small a measure, to bear another's burden? Such help will be gratefully welcomed by the Editor, *Nursing Record*, St. Dunstan's House, Fetter Lane, London, E.C., and all subscriptions, &c., will be duly acknowledged.

WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

THE PRINCESS OF WALES has graciously consented to become Patroness of the branch of the National Association for Supplying Female Medical Aid to the Women of India which is now being formed in the United Kingdom. The Duke of Westminster, the Marchioness of Salisbury, the Lord Mayor, Lord Randolph Churchill, the Countess of Aberdeen, the Marquis of Ripon, and many others have already joined the general committee, which the Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava is organising in London in correspondence with the central committee in India. Colonel John Robertson, of 65, Kensington Gardens Square, has been appointed hon. secretary to the executive committee, consisting of the Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, Lady Grant Duff, Lady Lyall, Sir Charles Aitchison, Lord Brassey, Sir James Peile, Sir Charles Bernard, Major Harry Cooper, Mr. Courtenay Ilbert, and Mr. T. Sutherland, M.P.

ACCORDING to a Berlin paper, the fortune inherited by the Empress Frederick from the Duchesse de Galliera, amounting, after deducting duties and so on, to about 5,500,000f., has been already paid in to her Majesty's bankers at Frankfort and London. Besides this sum of money, jewels valued at 8,000,000f., including eighty strings of pearls, have been handed over to the Empress Frederick's representatives.

UNDER the patronage of her Royal Highness the Princess Christian an illustrated practical lecture on high-class cooking will be given by Mrs. A. B. Marshall at the Westminster Town Hall, on Tuesday, the 16th instant.

THE Queen of Roumania has just completed a drama, which she has read aloud to a small circle of friends.

MRS. ASHTON DILKE, M.L.S.B. for West Lambeth, has been elected chairman of the Needlework Sub-committee.

MRS. FAWCETT lectured lately at the Hampstead Vestry Hall, on the Social Progress of Women during the past hundred years. The lecture was given on behalf of the Somers Town Blind Aid Society, which was founded in 1864, and is carried on entirely by honorary workers, some fifty or sixty of whom are ladies, under the superintendence of Mrs. Starey, the honorary secretary. Mrs. Fawcett treated of the progress of the women's movement during the last hundred years. The exclusion of women from the advan-

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